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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Further to an office action mailed February 24, 2004, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraphs previously added to the specification after line 16 on page 35 of the instant application in the response to the above-noted office action.

IN THE CLAIMS

34. (Newly Amended) An orthopedic fastening system adapted to be sterilized for in vivo use, the system, comprising:

a shaft having a wing pivotally engaged at one end, the wing comprising a body including:

a first face having a first area adapted for contacting a bone surface; and

at least two faces that adjoin the first face and adapted for contacting the bone surface, wherein the other faces adjoining the first face and contacting the bone surface each have a smaller area than said first area .

35. (Previously Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 34, and including a collet that is threaded internally, wherein the shaft is threaded.